44. Deen Dayal Rozgar Yojana
45. Revolving fund for purchase & sale of cocoons
46. Establishment of chawki rearing centres in non-government sectors
47. Assistance to non-IRD beneficiaries on plantation & rearing
48. Working capital fund for reelin units.

Study on Bidi workers in Andhra Pradesh

1069. SHRI MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the number of bidi workers district-wise in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when was the study completed; and

(d) the details of the body which conducted the study?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) The Labour Department of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh conducted a survey during 1995 which revealed that the number of beedi workers in the State was about five lakhs working in 7,330 beedi factories and establishments registered with the State Government.

Export of rubber

1070. SHRI THENNALA BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the export of rubber in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Since the demand for natural rubber is in excess of domestic production, Govt. do not have any proposal for promoting export of rubber during 1995-96. However, rubber comes under Open General Licence which entitles any grower to export his produce without any restriction.

Shifting of the building of EPF office in Delhi

1071. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the EPF office was shifted to a building on Najafgarh Road in Delhi in April 1995 which was declared as illegal building by MCD in October, 1994;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rate of rent per sq. ft. being paid by the EPF is substantially higher than the prevailing market rent;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said building is being ordered to be demolished by the High Court; and

(d) if the answer to parts (a), (b) and (c) above are in affirmative who are the officials responsible for booking this building for EPF office and action being taken if any?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

गेहूं का भण्डार

1072. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 31 जनवरी, 1996 की स्थिति के अनुसार केन्द्रीय सरकार और राज्य सरकारों की प्रत्येक एजेंसी के पास गेहूं का कुल कितना भंडार था; क्या यह भंडार गत वर्षों की तुलना में काफी अधिक है; यदि हां, तो कितना;

(ख) उपरोक्त भंडार में से कितना ऐसा गेहूं है जो तीन वर्ष से भी अधिक पुराना है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान गेहूं का निर्यात किया है; यदि हां, तो कितना और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

खाद्य मंत्री (श्री अजित सिंह): (क) दिनांक 31 जनवरी, 1996 और 31 जनवरी, 1995 की स्थिति के अनुसार केन्द्रीय पूल में अंत स्टाक निम्नानुसार था:—

(मिलियन मीटरी टन में)

निम्नलिखित तारीख को स्थिति के अनुसार	केन्द्रीय पूल		जोड़
	भारतीय खाद्य निगम के पास	पंजाब, हरियाणा, उत्तर प्रदेश इत्यादि के पास	
31.1.1996 (अनन्तिम)	4.71	6.71	11.42
31.1.1995 (अनन्तिम)	6.35	5.23	11.58

(ख) भारतीय खाद्य निगम के पास तीन वर्षों से अधिक पुराने गेहूं की केवल 1.85 लाख मीटरी टन मात्रा है।

(ग) केन्द्रीय पूल में खाद्यान्नों के स्टाक की अच्छी स्थिति को ध्यान में रखते हुए, भारतीय खाद्य निगम को सरकारी स्टाक से 25 लाख मीटरी टन की सीमा के अन्दर गेहूं का निर्यात करने/निर्यात के प्रयोजन हेतु बिक्री करने के लिए प्राधिकृत किया गया है। वर्तमान में भारतीय खाद्य निगम गेहूं का सीधे निर्यात नहीं कर रहा है। इसे गेहूं की लगभग सम्पूर्ण प्राधिकृत मात्रा को खरीदने के लिए मांग प्राप्त हुई है और बिक्री संबंधी कार्य चल रहा है।

Consumption of Sugar

1073. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state the State-wise consumption of sugar in the country during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 seasons, indigenous and imported sugar separately?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): As there is no restriction on the inter-State movement of free-sale sugar, the information regarding State-wise consumption of sugar is not available.

The all India consumption of sugar during the sugar seasons 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (October to September) was as follows:

Sugar year	Internal consumption (lakh tonnes)			
	Indigenous	Imported		Total
1992-93	120.05	—		120.05
1993-94	110.29	1.00	*	111:29
1994-95 (Provisional)	109Ä78	8.77	*	118.55

*Excluding the sugar imported by private parties under OGL for sale in open market.

Import of Edible Oils

1074. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of edible oils imported between April, 1995 and February, 1996 through NDDB, STC and the private sector respectively; and

(b) the details of such imports, both products-wise and portwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) and (b) State Trading Corporation (STC) is the only canalising